



Date: January 12, 2004
To: Members of the Marine Advisory Commission
From: Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches
Subject: MEETING MINUTES OF January 8, 2004
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

Commissioners Present

Michelle Spence, Chairwoman
Richard L. Miller, Vice Chair
Mike Reed
Holly Carpenter
Mike Malbon
Bradley Whyte
Harry Hutton

Commissioners Absent

Robert Weeks
Mike Vescovi

Marine Bureau Personnel

Mark Sandoval, Manager, Marine Bureau
Vivian Crook, Secretary, Marine Bureau

City Staff

Tom Shippey, Manager, Maint.Ops.Bureau
Jeff Edwards, Supt., Marine Maint.
Mike Perez, Supt. Beach Maint.
Mark Boone, Chief, Lifeguards, LBFD
Dave Akins, MPO, Marine Patrol

Guests

Bud Johnson, former MAC commissioner
Amy Bently-Smith, Grunion Gazette
Lisa Bergland, Admin.Analyst, 3rd Dist.

Chairwoman Spence convened the meeting at 2:30 p.m., at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

ROLL CALL

Mark Sandoval called the roll of commissioners and introduced Marine Bureau personnel, City staff and guests.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- The November 20, 2003, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT

Marina Operations Report

Mark Sandoval gave the Marine Bureau Major Accomplishments, the Activity Report for ABM/LBSM, and the Total Vessels In and Out by Marina for the month of December.

- No meeting held in December.
- The November report showed the marinas are under revenue by about \$150,000, due to the number of slips being held open for the upcoming renovation in the LBSM.
- The December report shows that there are now various slips sizes available in LBSM. Staff has begun filling these slips from the waiting list.

Maintenance Operations Report

Jeff Edwards gave the Marine Maintenance status report for the month of December.

- Tom Shippey talked about the rotation of superintendents within his bureau. Ramon Arevalo has rotated to Facilities Maintenance, Jeff Edwards has rotated from Beach Maintenance to Marine Maintenance, and Mike Perez has rotated from Facilities Maintenance to Beach Maintenance.
- The Rowing Center Dock is complete and the first class will be held at the dock tomorrow at 4 p.m.
- The Belmont Plaza Pool has reopened after its annual refurbishment and is operational.
- There is a new contractor on the Sandbag Groin Project. The job should be finished by next week. The bags are 20 feet long x 6 feet wide and run perpendicular to the seawall at 61st, 63rd, 65th, and 67th Place.
- The new contractor appears to be doing a better job of maintaining the boom at the mouth of the L.A. River than the previous contractor. Upland cities initiated legal action and were successful in preventing implementation of newly imposed water quality regulations in the L.A. River Storm Drain Basin.
- The Alamitos Heights Project has received positive feedback. There was only one complaint regarding the white fence, this from the same woman who complained about the rocks.

Marine Safety Report

Lifeguard Chief Mark Boone gave the Marine Safety status report for the month of December.

- Marine Safety hopes to purchase new boat engines this month.
- Chevy will no longer sponsor Marine Safety and will be taking back six of their vehicles. A two-month extension has been given to Marine Safety to allow time for removal of equipment installed on the vehicles.
- The MSO examination has been completed. One new person will be hired in February.
- An additional five retirements could occur this year.
- Holidays and cold, rainy weather kept activity down in December. No significant boating activity to report.
- The Naples Christmas Boat Parade was smaller this year. The weather played a roll in the lower turn out.

Marine Patrol Report

Marine Patrol Officer David Akins reported on Marine Patrol activities for the month of December.

- Marine Patrol Officer Akins distributed Marina Watch Program pamphlets.
- Marine Patrol apprehended a burglar (with various "tools of the trade" in his possession) in Basin 6, over New Year's weekend.
- Marine Patrol Officers participated in the Belmont Shore Christmas Parade.
- The Christmas toy drive was a success. The yacht clubs were extremely generous. LBPD thanked everyone who participated.
- Two new officers are in training.
- Commissioner Malbon asked about the commitment from Deputy Chief Jackman six month's ago to give an updated report on authority issues regarding the Marine Patrol Division. Officer Akins stated that he would inform Sergeant O'Donnell of the MAC's request.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Dinghy Policy was reviewed. Mark Sandoval commented that one letter was received from a LBSM tenant who has an oversized, hard-bottom dinghy and would be impacted by the new rule.

Vice Chairman Miller stated that the message from the Manager in the Marina Reader regarding the Dinghy Policy was clear and to the point and gave instruction to those who wanted to respond or comment.

Mark Sandoval stated that this issue did go to committee and did have boatowner participation.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mark asked for MAC to support Marine Bureau staff in starting the process of putting together the MAC Annual Report.

Executive MAC

- Covered during meeting

Operations Committee

- Meeting cancelled for January.

Facilities Committee

Commissioner Reed reported on the Facilities Committee issues:

- Plans to modify the bike path near the Belmont Pier are underway.
- Salt laden sand deposited by the LBSM contractor at Jack Nichol Park is still a problem.
- The seawalls in Naples, built in 1937, will cost \$70 million to repair.
- Commissioner Reed handed out a copy of the executive summary of the Public Works report. He asked that MAC review the summary and that it be discussed at next month's meeting.
- Commissioner Malbon reported that Concept Marine Associates reviewed the proposed layout for the LBSM, and that some fine-tuning is still needed. The docks are single occupancy. The Shore Master Dock System will be used. Connelly Pacific is the contractor and Tetra Tech is the engineer on the project.

Finance and Information Committee

- Chairwoman Spence reviewed the Finance Report for the month of December.

Mark Sandoval stated that at a quarter of the year we are where we are expected to be.

- Next meeting, March 11, 2004, at 2:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Chairwoman Spence announced that the Jack Dunster Memorial Reserve Opening is Saturday, January 10, at 10 a.m.

Mark Sandoval said that a tree will be planted and a rock (with plaque) will be dedicated.

- Vice Chairman Miller stated that the Congressional Cup is going to be held April 18 to 25.
- Mark Sandoval said that the LBMBOA has asked to be on the City Council Agenda. They will have three minutes to speak at the beginning of the meeting. He said that he and Doug Parsons had met with the president and vice president of the LBMBOA to discuss the CPI, and that they (LBMBOA) had both given their assurance that they would take any fight to the State and not to the City. Mark Sandoval is keeping City Hall updated. He stated that the City had gone eleven years without a slip increase. The CPI is designed to more fairly distribute slip increases, as boatowners had objected to one large increase.

Vice Chairman Miller said that the CPI is consistent, there are no surprises, and with the CPI increases can be planned for.

Mark Sandoval stated that the City has the ability to lower slip fees based on market conditions. The City Manager can reduce fees up to 20%.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. The next meeting is set for February 12, 2004, at 2:30 p.m.

cc: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
City Clerk